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The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa was inaugurated in the year 1898 by Lady Edgar, President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, the first President being Mrs. G. E. Foster.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society are the encouragement of the study of Canadian history and literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics; and the fostering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the Society is held each year on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act.

The regular meetings are held on the Second Friday of each month, October to March inclusive.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership Fee is fifty cents annually.

The Society is affiliated with the Royal Society of Canada, the National Council of Women, the Ontario Historical Society, the Historic Landmarks Association, and the Conference of Historical Societies.

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CONSTITUTION OF
THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF OTTAWA.

"Love Thou Thy Land."

Article 1, Title.—The organization shall be known as the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa.

Article 2, Objects.—The objects of the Women's Canadian Historical Society are the encouragement of the study of Canadian History and Literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics, and the fostering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism.

Article 3, Membership.—(a) Active membership shall be conditional upon the payment of the annual fee, and upon the submitting of name and address to the Treasurer.

(b) Honorary membership shall be complimentary.

Article 4, Officers.—The general officers of the Society shall consist of a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who with ten members elected by the Society shall form an Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interests of the Society. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Article 5, Fees.—The Annual Fee shall be fifty cents.

Article 6, Federation.—This Society may federate with other Societies of like purpose, or which offer specific advantages if a majority vote of a regular meeting shall so decide, on a recommendation from the Executive.

Article 7, Amendments.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting; notice of proposed amendment or alteration having been handed in to the Executive in writing one month previous to the Annual Meeting.

Article 8, Policy.—Neither political parties nor religious denominations shall be recognized in the business or membership of the Society, loyalty and patriotism being alone recognized and required.

STANDING ORDERS.

No. 1, Meetings.—(a) The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act. Such Meeting shall be for the election of officers, and for the transaction of general business.

(b) The Society shall hold its regular Meetings on the second Friday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Executive. Open Meetings may be held as deemed advisable.

(c) The President shall call a Meeting at any time for special business, or upon the written request of five members of the Society.

(d) Twelve members shall constitute a quorum at any regular Meeting, and five members shall constitute a quorum at any Meeting of the Executive.

(e) The Meetings of the Executive shall be held on the Monday preceding the general Meeting at 10.30 a.m.

(f) In the event of the absence from any Meeting of the President, and Vice-President, the members shall be entitled to elect a presiding officer.

No. 2, Resolutions.—All motions and resolutions at a general Meeting must be presented to the Secretary in writing.

No. 3, Publications.—All correspondence and papers intended for publication must be submitted to the Executive, before being published in any paper, pamphlet or periodical over the name of the Society.

No. 4, Duties of Officers.—(a) The President shall preside at all Meetings of the Society, and conduct them after the prescribed order of business. In the absence of the President, a Vice-President or other presiding officer elected by the Meeting shall preside.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall issue all notices, keep correct minutes, read said minutes at next regular Meeting, keep a correct list of members, have charge of Press Notices and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence and present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(d) The Treasurer shall receive all fees and other monies, disbursing the same by order of the Executive and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting. All amounts exceeding one dollar shall be paid by cheque, which shall be initialed by the President.

(e) The Librarian shall have charge, and keep a catalogue of all books, pamphlets or other printed matter belonging to the same Society, loaning the same on application of responsible members; and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(f) The Auditor shall examine the Treasurer's accounts before they are submitted to the Annual Meeting.

No. 5, Committees.—Standing committees and sub-committees may be appointed by the Executive as may be found necessary for the efficient carrying on of the business of the Society. Each of such committees shall appoint a convenor, who shall present a report to the Executive.

No. 6, Elections.—The Officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Should any officer be unable to complete her year, the Executive shall have power to elect her substitute.

No. 7, Amendments.—These standing orders may be amended or added to at any of the regular Meetings of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at a previous Meeting.

No. 8, Order of Business.—(a) The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. President's Remarks.

4. Appointment of members of the Society as Returning Tellers for the voting.
5. Annual Report of Secretaries.
6. Annual Report of the Treasurer.
7. Annual Report of Librarian.
8. Appointment of Auditor.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Amendments to Constitution.
11. Other Business.

(b) The order of business at a general Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Report of Executive Committee.
3. Business arising out of Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Treasurer's Statement.
6. Librarian's Report.
7. New Business.
8. Papers and Addresses.

(c) The order of business at open Meetings shall be arranged by the Executive.

(d) The order of business for Executive Meetings shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes.
2. Business arising out of Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Librarian's Report.
6. Report of Convenors.
7. New Business.

ANNUAL REPORT
of
WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA
YEAR 1917-1918.

To me has fallen the honour of reading the first Annual Report in the new home of our Society. After eighteen years of wandering from place to place, during which time we have received a great deal of consideration from many people, amongst whom we would like to mention the personnel of the Y.W.C.A. and the Carnegie Library, we have at last arrived at the dignity of a home. The idea of a permanent headquarters had been a cherished one for a long time, and it must be a great gratification to those who worked so steadily towards the realization of the idea to feel that we are today in a position so much more favourable to the carrying on of our work than we have been in the past.

During the past year fifteen meetings, nine of which were of the Executive only, were held. The June meeting of the Executive was held at the Carnegie Library and the August meeting at Mrs. McDougall's home. The following three months we met at the Bytown Historical Museum. The increasing gravity of the fuel question, and the unprecedented intenseness of the cold weather, led to a decision to meet at some other place until more normal conditions prevailed. At this juncture Mme. Lelievre very kindly placed a room in her home at our disposal for the Executive meetings, and her hearty welcome to us during the whole Winter added not a little to the enthusiasm of these meetings. We will not soon forget her extreme kindness to us in this regard.

The two special meetings and the first two general meetings were held in the Museum, but owing to the inclement weather conditions in January the general meeting in that month was, by the courtesy of Mr. Sykes, held in the Carnegie Library.

Besides these business meetings we may mention the three gatherings, which were more or less of a social sort, the formal Opening of the Bytown Historical Museum and two drawing-room teas, one in December at Mrs. McDougall's, and one in February at Mrs. S. J. McLean's.

As the greater part of the business transacted at all meetings related, in one way or another, to the Museum, so also the greater part of the correspondence arose from the same question.

In May the necessary arrangements relating to the Provincial grant were made, and as no delegate to the Ontario Historical Society had been appointed before then, Mr. A. F. Hunter was advised that Mrs. McDougall, who had intended attending their meeting herself, was unable to do so and that she appointed Mrs. J. B. Simpson, who would be in Toronto at that time on personal business, to represent her as our delegate.

With reference to a request for our publications, a most interesting letter was received from Mr. C. M. Warner, Curator of Canadian History at Harvard, Cambridge, Mass., congratulating the Society upon entering its new home, and extending best wishes for our future success.

An invitation to attend the meeting of the Historic Landmarks Association was accepted, Mrs. McDougall and Mrs. Billings representing our Society.

Mrs. Gullock submitted the report for the year to the Royal Society of Canada, which also met in May at the Chateau Laurier.

One phase or another of the work of putting the Museum into a state of good repair led to the first six meetings that our Society held during this year.

From several items of interest, the meeting arranged for the 25th of May, between the Honourable Robert Rogers, who was at the time Minister of Public Works, and Mrs. McDougall and Mrs. Simpson, as our Committee, stands out quite prominently, for as a result of this meeting some very necessary aid in the carrying out of our plans for comfort in the building materialized, and

we cannot but feel very grateful to those officials, who on more than one occasion, helped us in such a timely way.

The work of painting and decorating the building was completed. This work was done through the kindness of the Governor of the Jail. He allowed some of the men in detention there to do this work of cleaning and decorating, and to him we owe a debt not easily discharged, not only for his kindness in this regard, but for his unfailing courtesy at all times.

Until the August meeting no name had been decided upon for the building. At this meeting, however, some spirited discussion on this matter took place, and resulted in a motion by Mrs. Billings, "That the building be named the Bytown Historical Museum." This was seconded by Mrs. Simpson and carried.

The correspondence relating to the arrival of our exchanges and the sending of our own publications proceeded throughout the season in regular fashion.

As the Summer faded into Autumn our efforts regarding the Museum became more effective, and with the building of the fire-place, the placing of the stoves for heating, and the installation of an electric water heater by Mr. Thos. Ahearn, who showed his interest in our welfare in such a practical way, we began our final plans for the Opening of the Museum on the 25th of October.

Some thirty notes of invitation were sent out, those included in this list being our friends who had shown so much interest in our acquiring the building, and who had helped us in securing it. The list is appended to the report so that any one who wishes to read it may do so. The Duchess of Devonshire had consented to declare the building open for our purposes, but owing to ill-health could not do so. Mayor Fisher acted in her absence, his few well chosen remarks being highly appreciated by all who heard him, and during the afternoon a party from Government House called, who were received by Mrs. McDougall, Lady Borden and Lady Foster.

The members and their friends had gathered together a very interesting loan exhibition of clocks, pewter, china, furniture, firearms, portraits—from the silhouette of Col. By to a splendid sepia-tone of Sir Robert Borden—which, arranged by an artistic hand, transformed the severe appearance of the rooms into a most attractive interior. Flags draped the windows and plants added their note of living green.

Mayor Fisher declared the building to be formally opened at 4 o'clock, and as the loan exhibition exhausted its charm, the tea table claimed its turn.

The centre of the tea table was made resplendent with a huge silver cup which Col. By had presented to the grandfather (Hon. Thos. McKay) of the lender, Mr. Chas. Keefer.

Several members of the Executive presided over the tea table during the afternoon, assisted by seven young girls, whose names are also listed at the end of the report.

It was a delightful duty to write the notes of thanks to these young girls for their help, to those who so kindly lent us so many interesting articles, and also to those who so kindly gave us the nucleus of our collection.

At the following meeting so many matters were brought up for discussion that it was thought best to appoint a Ways and Means Committee in order that we arrange our affairs more expeditiously, as so many matters seemed to need immediate action.

After a discussion as to chairs for the general meetings and other furnishings, it was decided that extra funds would have to be raised. Several members of the Executive pledged themselves to pay for a chair, and the members were asked at the general meeting in November to each pay for one.

Miss Gardiner gave a much appreciated and very delightful recital of a story of an English Victoria Cross at this meeting. Preceding her Mrs. Adam Shortt gave an interesting and impressive talk on the Victory Loan, which was to be floated the next week or so.

While speaking of the Victory Loan it might be well to say that a letter written to Sir Henry Egan resulted in a most comprehensive selection of the literature, posters, etc., that were used during that fortnight, being sent to the Museum.

After a discussion as to the Status of the Conference of Historical Societies at this meeting, the Secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Shearer of Buffalo for further information. Some correspondence ensued and it was decided to affiliate with the Conference of Historical Societies, the fee of one cent a member being contributed by the members.

In passing it might be mentioned that a direct effect of this affiliation was felt in the request of several American Historical societies for our publications in exchange for theirs.

Shortly after this meeting a request was preferred of the Historical Society for a likeness of Col. By. Mr. John A. Pearson, one of the architects connected with the building of the Parliament Building was most anxious to obtain one, to be used in the modelling department connected with the decoration of the building.

Mr. Pearson was referred to Miss Read, who most graciously loaned him the silhouette, for which he was very grateful.

On December 6th, 1917, a tea and money shower was held at Mrs. McDougall's home. A charming programme consisting of readings by Miss Gardiner and Mrs. D. P. McKenna, and songs by Mrs. Driscoll and Miss Idington, was successfully rendered, and the afternoon flew by as rapidly as most pleasant things do, leaving us with happy memories and a good addition to our bank account.

Later in the month the Committee was instructed to expend five dollars in sending a trifling token of remembrance to the Governor of the Jail, and his two turnkeys and to Mr. Heney. The latter acknowledged the receipt of the small tie-pin in a letter dated January 10th, 1918.

At the general meeting in January Mrs. Foran reported that a wooden floor for the middle room of the Museum had been given to us by Mr. J. R. Booth.

The flag floor was certainly not comfortable no matter how picturesque it might be, and this floor was a gratifying improvement. Mr. Booth, in answering the note of thanks for his generous donation, expressed his best wishes for the success of our Society.

The report of the Local Council of Women was read and approved at this meeting and forwarded at once.

The answer to the letter of sympathy, sent to Lady Foster at the time of Sir George Foster's accident in Toronto, was read, and also a note enclosing a letter from Mr. Ahearn regarding a report of the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland, Ohio. This book eventually came to hand and was acknowledged. The resulting correspondence led to this Society sending us quite a number of their publications, and also their congratulations on our having obtained a permanent headquarters.

Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year from Lady Sifton in Oxford, England, were read.

By far the most interesting part of this meeting was the paper read and prepared by Miss Mary McKay Scott on "Chelsea." One would like to quote freely from this paper of silvery sentences and delicious descriptions. The subject was treated from such a very human standpoint and the historical facts were woven in so cleverly that it all seemed like "a story of long ago," rather than an historical essay. The description of the situation, settlement and growth of that picturesque village among the everlasting hills was most pleasing, and one's only regret was that the pleasure should have been so short lived.

Even during these cold, dark days of Winter the Museum was not forgotten, for in this month Mr. McLeod Stewart gave us the fine pictures of Ottawa, Canada West, that you have doubtless admired today.

A bit of script, value sixpence, was also donated at the same time, and the Misses Scott gave us an interesting document from among the archives of their father's (Sir Richard Scott) estate.

The Executive meeting, held early in the new year, had for its chief interest the planning of an entertainment to be held in February, similar to that held so successfully at Mrs. McDougall's in December.

The Misses Stratton had kindly placed their home at our disposal and a programme was discussed, it being decided to ask the Drama League for their assistance on this occasion. A letter sent to the League brought the answer that at the time nothing suitable was in rehearsal, but at some future date, when there would be time to prepare something of an historical character they hoped to be able to assist us.

In the meantime, owing to illness at home, the Misses Stratton could not carry out their plans in this regard, and Mrs. S. J. McLean very kindly came to our rescue by giving us the use of her home for the day we had chosen.

A programme of most excellent merit was presented through the kindness of Mrs. McBeth, Mrs. Wilmott and Mr. Carey, and from all viewpoints the afternoon was a decided success.

The monies resulting from these two teas are to be spent solely in the Museum. We cannot expect everybody to be as generous as Mr. Ahearn and Mr. Booth, and there are many needs that must be supplied in order that our collection be suitably housed and creditably increased.

You will probably have noticed the number of letters of thanks that it was necessary to send, and the last tea added its quota, for assistance such as that given by Mrs. McBeth, Mrs. Wilmott and Mr. Carey could not be received without some word of gratitude.

During the year just passed the Society lost two members, either of whom it was hard to spare, for both Mrs. Rothwell and

Mrs. Horetsky had been valued members for years, and their never failing interest in the affairs of our Society was at all times a helpful influence.

Letters extending the sympathy of the Society were sent to Miss Rothwell, Miss Ryan, the Misses Stratton, Mrs. D. H. McLean and Mrs. W. Wilfred Campbell.

In March the Society received an invitation to the "Allies" War Luncheon, given by the Sons of the Revolution of Los Angeles, Cal. A most cordial letter was also received from M. Banning of the Society, expressing this wish, "Should you or any of the members of your excellent Society visit Los Angeles, we trust we may be favoured by the pleasure of a call at our Library, or many of them."

In November, Mrs. Gullock, in view of her extended trip to the Pacific Coast, wrote a note resigning her position as Recording Secretary. The Society prevailed on Mrs. Gullock to reconsider her decision on the understanding that the Corresponding Secretary undertake her duties in her absence.

This year our publications include the Annual Report 1916-17 and Vol. VII. of the Transactions, which contains the papers compiled and read during the years 1915-16 and 1916-17.

It is a matter for congratulation that we have added thirty-eight new members to our list, a fact in itself showing an increased interest in our work.

To us all in these dreary days of the fourth year of the Great War one of the greatest helps to steadfastness of purpose has been the re-perusal of the history of former wars waged just as bravely by our forefathers on the self-same battlegrounds in Europe, towards which we turn so wistfully today.

That the history of these days in this Capital City of Canada may not be forgotten or lost with passing time, we have endeavoured to intensify the interest in the Women's Canadian Historical Society, the pen by which these historical facts may be chronicled during these years of such tremendous effort, both at home and Overseas.

It has seemed a difficult matter in the midst of so much War work to adjust one's mind to an historical viewpoint, but it is really necessary that we should make a much greater effort in the future than in the year just past.

The possession of the Museum has altered our plan of work as it has enriched the field of labour, but we know the hearty co-operation of all our members will aid us readily in our new effort as in the past.

While the preparation of papers will always continue to be one of the most fascinating and important parts of our work, yet the collection of the articles that write a history of themselves, a story by their very being, will be an added attraction to our work, and one of no mean merit.

The War has truly forged us anew for it own purposes, as it has all things pertaining to our lives today, but the sooner we realize the importance of a faithful record of these days of stress and storm, and that we, the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, must make and keep that record for Ottawa, the sooner our fellow citizens will realize that our War Work, as a Society, is of the sort that each year will make more valuable.

We have been given this building through the indefatigable efforts of several of our members, and the kindness of the Civic Authorities, and while we are most anxious to obtain any articles relating to the past history of Bytown and Ottawa, do you not agree that we should make a great effort to obtain as many as are possible of such articles as are associated in our minds with the Great War? We have but little to show of those things known as war relics, but without doubt the 38th, the 77th, the 207th and the Depot Battalions, if appealed to in the right way, would be glad to help us in this matter. These Battalions are mentioned because it seems that we should pay particular attention to those which were recruited here, or whose headquarters were in this City.

The gathering of these articles should not be left to the Executive; it should be a labour of love and pride to us, one and

all, to collect as many mementos as possible of those brave boys from Ottawa, who have made such a wonderful record at the Front since August, 1914. The building is ready, the space is crying to be filled, let us work willingly that time may not rob us of our object.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERTA THERESE SOMERVILLE,
Honourary Corresponding Secretary.

PARTIAL LIST OF LOANS AND GIFTS.

Mrs. Mainguy—Books.
Miss Bingham—Clock, etc.
Mrs. Southam—Portrait of Mrs. Ahearn.
Mrs. Louis Coutlee—Knife.
Mr. Cook—Mayor's Chair.
Mrs. Frank Cuming, Ivanhoe Apts.—Chair and Poster.
Miss Brough, 320 Waverley St.—Picture.
Mr. Shearer—Flags, also gift of flags.
Mrs. W. E. H. Richardson, 122 Flora—Silhouette of Col. By.
H. P. Hill—Picture of Ottawa.
Lady Borden—Photo of Sir Robert Borden.
Canon Read—Portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald.
Mrs. M. E. Pulford, 295 Cooper St., from the Estate of her father, Lt.-Col. J. Stoughton Dennis, C.M.G.—1 Brass Cannon, York Factory, H. C. Co.; 1 Chair, 1812; 1 Candlestick, 1812; 2 Pictures, one of "Mountmourencie Falls, Que." and one of "The Bishop's Palace and Ruins Descending the Hill," Old Quebec (gift.)
H. P. Hill—Plan.
Miss Lucinda Smith, Billings Bridge—Breeches Bible and Fancy Work.
Miss Scott—Stationery Cabinet of Sir Richard Scott.
Miss Wood, 20 Russell Ave.—Beautiful Screen, etc.
Miss Tormey—Col. By's Card Table; Col. By's Mirror; Tray and Snuffers; Silver Candlestick; Silver Teaspoon; Old Photographs.
R. E. Jamieson—Poster of the 100th Regiment, Royal Canadian Rifles.
Miss Jamieson—Desk of Early Days.
Miss A. A. Masson—Memorial Val. of Knox Church, Ottawa.
Miss I. Stewart—Files of Newspapers in the years 1845, 1853, 1855; Old Posters of 1844; Photo of "Appam Place."
Mr. H. C. Ross—Silver Coffee Urn presented to Capt. A. G. Forest, by the Ottawa Garrison Artillery, 1863.

Mrs. Lefebor Mainguy—Pair of French Sabots; Old Copy of Bible.

Miss M. Masson—Hair, Seed, and Shell Work.

Mrs. Felix McCullough—Photo of Pioneer Gun.

H. J. Friel—Mrs. Friel's Autograph Fire Screen; Mrs. Friel's Scrap Books (2) of Bytown; Mrs. Friel's 2 Vol. Illustrated London News.

Miss Humphrys—Paisley Shawl.

Edmund F. Burritt—Portrait of Alex. Burritt, Registrar.

Miss Lily Stratton—Oil Painting of the Old Officer's Quarters.

Mr. J. R. Booth—Floor of Wood to cover the old Stone floor.

Mrs. E. B. Eddy—Carpet for Floor.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in Bank March 29th, 1917		$213.84
Members Fees current Season (1917-1918)		35.50
Members Fees arrears		5.00
Government Grant		200.00
Sale of copies of Transactions of Society		9.40
Bank Interest		5.82
Voluntary Collection at opening of the Bytown Historical Museum		19.50
Cent Collection towards affiliation fee to Conference of Historical Societies		.41
Voluntary Collection by members to supply chairs for Bytown Historical Museum		20.00
Proceeds of Money Shower at Tea given by the President, Mrs. Lorn McDougall		47.00
Proceeds of Money Shower given at residence of Mrs. S. J. McLean		44.30
		$600.77

EXPENDITURE.

By Stationery, Envelopes and Postcards		$ 15.85
Postage, inclusive of War Tax		18.00
Advertising Meetings, etc.		11.10
Printing 400 copies of Reports of Society		52.25
Printing 400 copies Transactions of Society, Vol. 7		165.00
Affiliation Fees to other Societies		8.45
Typing Reports of Secretary		1.00
Cablegram of Condolence to their Royal Highnesses The Duke of Connaught and The Princess Patricia		4.51
Expenses in connection with acquisition of the Bytown Historical Museum		302.35
Details of the latter:—		
By Farley & Co., repairs to roof	$ 70.00	
A. G. Dawson, cleaning, tinting and materials for same	34.08	
Higman & Sons, putty and glass for windows	5.00	
Duford, Ltd., two outside signs with name of Museum	24.00	
D. J. McKenzie for bricks	5.07	

Charwoman per Mrs. T. P. Foran	6.25	
T. B. Boulay, step ladder, stove pipes and work	8.95	
Wm. Howe, lock for outside door	2.00	
Oliver & Son for chairs	24.40	
Mrs. J. C. Brooke, 2 historical pictures	10.00	
Transfer charges at Loan Exhibition	10.00	
John Heney, wood and coal	5.60	
F. Jarman, picture wire	.20	
Rogers for rent of china and expenses of Tea per Mrs. Lynch	5.50	
Cheque for "Ways and Means Committee"	91.30	
Balance on hand March 29th, 1918		22.26
		$600.77

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LINA GAINSFORD ROTHWELL,

Honorary Treasurer.

Certified correct, 29th March, 1918.

James D. Fraser, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN, 1917-1918.

The following books, pamphlets, etc., have been received and catalogued since our last annual meeting:—

Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine.

Americana Catalogue.

Fifth Annual Report of the Waterloo Historical Society.

The Jubilee of Confederation, from Mr. F. Cook.

Sons of the Revolution, 1918.

Royal Society of Canada, 1917.

Report of the Library of Congress, 1917.

The James Sprunt Historical Publications, North Carolina, 1917.

Annual Report of Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Bureau of Archives, 1914-15-16, from the Province of Ontario.

Missouri Historical Review, 1918.

Washington Historical Quarterly, Seattle, 1917.

Annual Report of Library and Museum, Winnipeg, Man., 1916.

Annual Report of Historic Landmarks Association of Canada, 1917.

Annual Report of Niagara Historical Society, 1917.

Some Notable Results of the War, from Niagara Historical Society.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration Number of Liberty Bell.

Library, University of Toronto.

Royal Colonial Institute, London.

John Crearer Library, Chicago.

Huron Institute, Collingwood, Ont.

Kent Historical Society, Chatham.

State Library of Massachusetts.

New York Historical Society.

Carnegie Library, Ottawa.

University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Ill.

Our Annual Report has been sent to all our Exchange List and circulated at our meetings.

Five hundreds copies of our seventh volume of Transactions were published this year.

Full sets of our Transactions, seven volumes, have been sent by request to the Minnesota Historical Society of St. Paul; The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburg; Acadia University, Wolfeville, Nova Scotia; The Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N.Y.

Vols. VI. and VII. to the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

Several copies to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

All of whom wish to be placed on our Exchange List.

Vol. VII. was presented to Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire, The Countess of Ashburnham, The Exchange Department, Berkley, California, Judge Riddell, Toronto, Miss Gardner, the Journal and the Citizen, Ottawa.

Also a full set was sent to General Cruikshank, Ottawa.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA G. READ,

Librarian.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

1. First Constitution, with list of members, 1898.
2. Catalogue of first Loan Exhibit, 1899.
3. Catalogue of second Loan Exhibit, 1907.
4. Constitution, revised, 1910.
5. "Historical Sketch of the One Hundredth Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment."
6. "Origin of the Cornwall and Williamsburg Canals."
7. "Lachine Canal."
8. Transactions, Vol. I. "Early History of Ottawa and Counties, etc."
9. Transactions, Vol. II. "The Waterways of Canada."
10. Transactions, Vol. III. "Early History of Ottawa and Hull."
11. Transactions, Vol. IV. "Early History of Townships, etc."
12. Transactions, Vol. V. "The Battlegrounds of Canada."
13. Transactions, Vol. VI. "Treaties Relating to Canada, 1632-1871."
14. Transactions, Vol. I. Reprint.
15. Transactions, Vol. VII.
16. Report of first decade, 1908-9. Reprint.
17. Annual Report, 1909-10.
18. Annual Report, 1910-11.
19. Annual Report, 1911-12.
20. Annual Report, 1912-13.
21. Annual Report, 1913-14.
22. Annual Report, 1914-15.
23. Annual Report, 1915-16.
24. Annual Report, 1916-17.
25. Annual Report, 1917-18.

EXCHANGE LIST.

Archives, Dominion, Ottawa.
Archives, Provincial, Toronto.
American Historical Association.
Acadia University, Wolfeville, N.S.
Brant Historical Society.
Buffalo Historical Society.
Boston State Library.
Champlain Society.
Department of Education, Toronto.
Essex Historical Society.
Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute.
Grovenor Library, Buffalo, N.Y.
Huron Institute.
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Pa.
Historic Landmarks Association of Canada.
Inspector Ontario Public Libraries, Toronto.
Iowa State Historical Society.
John Crearer Library, Chicago.
Kansas State Historical Society.
Kent Historical Society.
Lennox and Addington Historical Society.
Literary and Historical Society, Quebec.
Library of Parliament, Ottawa.
Library of Congress, Washington.
Lundy's Lane Historical Society.
London and Middlesex Historical Society.
McGill University, Montreal.
Manitoba Provincial Library.
Mississquoi Historical Society.
Massachusetts Historical Society.
Missouri State Historical Society.
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.
New Brunswick Historical Society.
Nova Scotia Historical Society.
Niagara Historical Society.
New York Historical Society.
New Hampshire State Library.
Ontario Parliamentary Library.
Ontario Historical Society.
Ottawa Carnegie Library.
Ohio State Archaelogical and Historical Society, Columbus, O.
Royal Society of Canada.
Royal Colonial Institute, London, England.
~~Royal Academy of History, etc., Stockholm.~~
Thunder Bay Historical Society.
Texas State Historical Society.
United Empire Loyalist Association.
University of Toronto.
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie.
Women's Wentworth Historical Society.
Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.
Women's Elgin Historical Society.
Waterloo Historical Society.
Wisconsin Historical Society.
Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.
York Pioneer Historical Society.

GIFTS AND LOANS.

The W.C.H.S. of Ottawa, in its building on Nicholas St., Ottawa, maintains a Museum for the preservation of relics, pictures and documents associated with the history of Ottawa and adjoining territory. Many articles have been donated and loaned to the Society and are cared for in the Museum for the education of posterity.

Pictures, documents and articles having historic association are earnestly solicited.

The Bytown Historical Museum is open to visitors on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from two until six.